



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 888

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE
ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this section,
2 "elderly tenants" means tenants sixty-two years of age or older. The
3 Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioner of
4 Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department on Aging, the
5 Department of Developmental Services, the Department of
6 Rehabilitation Services and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for
7 Persons with Disabilities, shall, within available appropriations,
8 conduct a study of public housing in the state that houses both elderly
9 tenants and younger tenants with disabilities. The study shall include,
10 but not be limited to: (1) Recommendations concerning the feasibility
11 and means of providing comparable housing to tenants who are
12 displaced due to units being reserved in such housing primarily for
13 either the elderly or younger tenants with disabilities, (2)
14 recommendations for the provision of additional support services
15 needed for both elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities,
16 (3) an estimate of any additional state appropriations needed to
17 implement any recommendations pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2)
18 of this subsection, (4) an assessment of support services available to
19 assist elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities and any
20 gaps in such services, and (5) a summary of the number of negative

21 incidents between elderly tenants and younger tenants with
22 disabilities from calendar years 2010 to 2014, inclusive, and the
23 number of evictions related to such incidents.

24 (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Housing
25 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
26 general statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
28 relating to housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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